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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDEV RH UK
SUBJ: RHODESIA: ATTACK ON ZAMBIAN BORDER

REF: LUSAKA 722, CAPE TOWN 443

THE RHODESIAN ATTACK AGAINST A ZIPRA CAMP NEAR FEIRA
(LUANGWA) IN ZAMBIA'S SOUTHEASTERN CORNER APPEARS TO BE OVER.
WHETHER THERE WILL BE A ZAMBIAN MILITARY REACTION REMAINS TO
BE SEEN. JUST EXACTLY WHAT OCCURRED WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO
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LEARN--IF WE EVER DO. THERE IS, HOWEVER, ENOUGH RELIABLE
INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE TO INDICATE THAT FOURIE'S
DESCRIPTION FROM RHODESIAN SOURCES IS, AT LEAST,
MISLEADING. IT DOES NOT MENTION, FOR INSTANCE, AIR ATTACK
WHICH RHODESIAN RADIO ACKNOWLEDGES WAS PART OF THE ACTION.
IT IS ALSO OUR IMPRESSION THAT THERE WERE MORE CASUALTIES
THAN WOULD BE INDICATED BY A RAID CONFINED TO AN ATTACK

ON AN AMMUNITION DUMP. WE HAVE A REPORT WHICH WE BELIEVE
RELIABLE OF 17 ZAMBIANS KILLED. WE BELIEVE IT QUITE POSSIBLE
THAT ZAMBIANS WERE ENGAGED IN GUARDING THE AMMUNITION SUPPLY.
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